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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON LEBANON

1. SYG WALDHEIM TELEPHONED LEONARD ON MARCH 20
AT 1800 EST TO INFORM HIM THAT KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA
AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES PERMREPS (LATTER ON BEHALF
OF ARAB GROUP) HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM REPEATEDLY
THIS AFTERNOON TO DEMAND SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING, CHARGING THAT ISRAEL REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH
THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS. SYG CONTACTED HERZOG
WHO GAVE HIM THE SAME POSITIVE REPORT ON ISRAELI
ATTITUDE HE HAD GIVEN US (USUN 997). AFTER FURTHER
DISCUSSION, ARABS AGREED NOT TO PUSH FOR SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING THIS EVENING AND INSTEAD TO CONSULT
WITH SYG AGAIN ON 21 MARCH AT 1200 EST TO ASSESS
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THE SITUATION.

2. LEONARD TOLD WALDHIM THAT OUR INFORMATION FROM
WASHINGTON ALSO INDICATED THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING
WAS DIMINISHING AND, IF THIS CONTINUED TO BE THE
CASE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FENDING OFF
THE ARAB REQUEST FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.

3. WALDHEIM SAID HE INTENDED TO CALL BEGIN AT BLAIR HOUSE THIS EVENING TO ASK HIM TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL HAS ACCEPTED THE CEASEFIRE AND WILL COOPERATE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIL.

4. AS REGARDS THE COMPOSITION OF UNIFIL, WALDHEIM SAID HE NOW HAS FIRM COMMITMENT FROM FRANCE AND NORWAY, AND THAT HE HAS INFORMED HERZOG AND TUENI, BOTH EXPRESSED SATISFACTION. WALDHEIM NOW WILL WRITE A LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMING IT OF THE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIFIL SO FAR, AND HE HOPES TO PROCEED TO ESTABLISH UNIFIL WITH INITIAL CONTINGENTS WITHOUT NEW COUNCIL MEETING.

5. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE ADVERSE SOVIET REACTION TO COMPOSITION OF UNIFIL. NOTE: NO EE COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING. LEONARD SAID HE HAD TOLD TROYANOVSKY EARLIER THAT UK AND FRANCE WERE CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION AND LATTER AT LEAST HAD NOT EXPRESSED CLEAR-CUT OBJECTION. LEONARD

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